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School Committee Adopts Drug, Alcohol Policy

By Joanne Brown

The Agawam School Committee last Tuesday night formally adopted a policy which governs abuse of drugs and alcohol in all town schools effective immediately.

Emphasizing a student's civil rights, the new regulations state that any student who possesses, sells, or exchanges drugs or alcohol within the school boundaries will be subject to criminal charges as well as disciplinary action within the school. Suspension from school for a minimum of three and maximum of ten school days will result on the first offense. Succeeding offense will result in referral to the School Committee with the recommendation of expulsion.

Any student found to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be liable for disciplinary action of suspension from school for three days on first offense, suspension for ten days on second offense, and referral to School Committee with recommendation for expulsion on third and succeeding offenses.

All staff members will be required to inform the building principal immediately when a student is found to possess alcohol, suspected drug material, or narcotic devices. The principal will ask the police department to analyze the material, and the student's parents will be called by the principal if such analysis demonstrates the presence of alcohol or drugs.

Student lockers are deemed the property of the school department, and they may be searched by the building principal or his designee when there is sufficient reason to believe that a student is using school property to conceal illegal drugs or alcohol.

Rehabilitative Aspects To Be Emphasized

Members of the teaching staff at Agawam High, who were asked for input on this new policy, stressed the necessity for rehabilitative counseling.

"This new policy should not be viewed as strictly punitive," said Acting Superintendent James Bruno. "We are concerned with these students who have problems and want to provide them with whatever assistance we can."

Parental support for counseling will also be sought as this type of encouragement is thought to be crucial to its success.

Energy Committee Rejects Closing

School Business Manager James Coon passed on a recommendation from the Energy Sub-Committee not to close schools for the days of January 2-4. Citing studies which found more energy is consumed when children remain at home rather than attending school, Mr. Coon stated that closing schools for those days "wasn't worth it."

Committee member Walter Balboni added that, as we have already used two of the four snow days allotted in the school calendar (one for the Pope's visit and one after the tornado), closing for those days in January would mean extending the school year far into June.

Coon also reported that the identification card system for school bus riders is now in effect at the Junior High and will be at the high school by next week.

These cards identify the students and let a bus driver know who is entitled to ride the bus.

"These cards can be taken away from those students who misbehave on the bus," explained Coon. "It should be an effective way to identify which students act up and withdraw bus riding privileges from those who do."

He explained the intentions of bus drivers to require the card each time a student wants to ride the bus. No card - no ride is to be the policy as the system is now devised.

Athletic Department Changes Approved

The School Committee has approved Athletic Director Cliff Kibbe's request to raise admission charges for all sporting events to \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Kibbe explained that rising fees to be paid to game officials account in large part for the necessity to charge more.

High School Principal David Theodorowicz asked for approval to participate, along with Kibbe, in a proposed

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Connelly Co-Signs Pay Repeal Bill

Assistant Republican Floor Leader Edward W. Connelly (R-Agawam) has co-signed a bill filed by Republican Floor Leader William G. Robinson (R-Melrose) for the 1980 legislative session to repeal the pay raises signed into law by Governor King.

"There is no doubt that with the time and energy requirements of the Massachusetts legislature, which has been the longest sitting legislature in the country, legislators need a revision in their pay schedules. However, I firmly believe that an impartial compensation board should study our particular situation and make recommendations based on volume of work and the rate of inflation in regard to our salary revision."

"The legislature should adopt the recommendations of the board and put those recommendations in place for the subsequent term. Also, I believe the determination of salaries for members of the legislature should be made separately from determination of salaries for members of the administration," Connelly stated.

Connelly also said he supports Rep. Robinson's intention to file a resolution in the House of Representatives on the first day of the 1980 session to require the legislature to deal with this issue as the first order of business.

The Agawam representative joins Robinson in a signature petition drive to place the pay raise repeal on the 1980 ballot. Those interested in collecting signatures for a referendum to repeal the pay raise can obtain a petition by contacting Rep. Connelly's aide Michael Walsh at 789-0128. The petitions are expected to be available for distribution to the public by mid-December.

Agawam Will Soon Be On 911 System

Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski has announced that as of November 30, 1979, all of the Town of Agawam will be on the 911 number system for emergency calls.

All that will be necessary to do to reach emergency fire, police, or ambulance service is dial 911 on the telephone.

Chmielewski expressed his belief that this system will expedite emergency aid to townspeople of Agawam.

Disaster Aide Funds Still Held Up

By Joanne Brown

Feeding Hills application for disaster loan funds, applied for after the October 3rd tornado, has been held up on Governor King's desk awaiting his signature.

According to Mrs. Peter Cecchi, one of the prime movers behind obtaining funds needed to make repairs to property damaged during the freak storm, several sources have been contacted and nothing has resulted as yet.

"Silvio Conte's office told us that everything was all set except for Governor King's signature, which is necessary to put things in motion," said Mrs. Cecchi.

She went on to add, "It's been over five weeks since the storm, and we have yet to get any assistance. Ella Grasso [governor of Connecticut] had help to her people in Windsor Locks within a couple of days. It really makes us stop and think."

The Cecchi family lost a barn as well as suffering damage to other property on North Westfield Street. Mrs. Cecchi and two other women - Carol Liamis, whose house on North Westfield Street was extensively damaged, and Mrs. Richard Stepanik, whose family lost a greenhouse on Twin Oaks Road as well as other property - have contacted several officials including State Senator Alan Sisitsky, Rep. Silvio Conte, Rep. Edward Boland.

According to Mrs. Cecchi, Town Manager Peter Caputo put in a call to Governor King's office last Tuesday, but got no information from his discussion with an aide who "had no idea what he was talking about."

Mrs. Cecchi explained the urgency of the situation: "Much of this damage must be repaired before the winter, or the weather will make it worse. Between just the three of us families alone, the estimate of damages comes to over \$150,000. We need that help."

Mrs. Cecchi was planning to contact Rep. Edward Connelly to see if perhaps he could get the Governor to take some immediate action.

"At this point, he is our only hope," she stated.

[Note: Town Manager Caputo has just received word that the application has been signed by Governor King, and it has been sent to the Small Business Department for disbursement.]



Pictured above shopping at the Big Y in Agawam are (L to R) Gregory Lazerine, Scott Goyner, and Shannon Crane students from Building Block Nursery School who, along with their classmates, earned money doing helpful chores around the house and then donated their earnings to buy groceries for the ClearingHouse project, which aids needy Agawam families over the holidays.

SCHOOL NEWS

AGAWAM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, Nov. 19: Vegetable beef soup, cold meat and cheese on roll, French fries, chilled fruit cup, milk
Tuesday, Nov. 20: Grape juice, hamburger and macaroni in tomato sauce, green beans, Italian bread & butter, peanut butter cookies, milk

SOUTHWICK SCHOOLS MENU

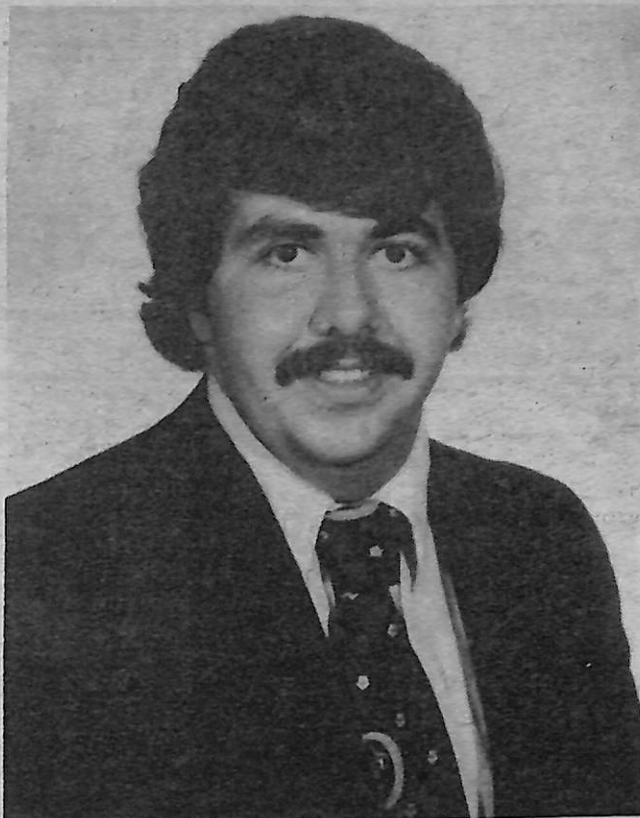
Monday, Nov. 19: Chilled tomato or orange juice, chicken a la king on toast, buttered wax beans, chilled cranberry sauce, peanut butter cookie, milk
Tuesday, Nov. 20: Lasagna w/meat sauce, salad w/Italian dressing, Italian bread and butter, fresh apple, milk

POWDER MILL SCHOOL MENU CONTEST WINNERS: Mon. - Suzanne Sena, Grade 5; Tues. - Rose Granada, Grade 8.

Tutorial Learning Center Open

The Tutorial Learning Center announces the opening of their office at 896 Main Street, Springfield. They are presently accepting applications for tutoring services required by both children and adults who have learning problems. Academic testing is also available.

For further information, contact Nancy West at 737-9033 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Daniel F. Melbourne

Melbourne Accepts N.J. Position

Daniel F. Melbourne has accepted a position in Elizabeth, New Jersey, as assistant band director at Elizabeth High School.

Mr. Melbourne, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Melbourne of 26 Gale Street, Feeding Hills, attended Agawam schools, graduating from Agawam High in 1973. He attended Westfield State College, where he majored in music, and graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

For the past school year 1978-1979, he has been teaching at Agawam High School as assistant band director to Mr. Darcy Davis.

Guidance Bulletin Board

[This column which will appear on a regular basis is being coordinated by and submitted to our newspaper by Paul Cavallo, chairman of the Guidance Departments for schools in Agawam.]

Since January of this year, the Guidance Department and the students of Agawam High School have been fortunate to have the services of Mr. William Robinson, an employment counselor who is part of a state-wide jobs program administered by the Department of Education.

Bill's program is called "In-School Job Marketing" and involves giving students a more realistic outlook of the local employment situation. Because he is a fulltime employee of the Division of Employment Security, Bill has easy access to occupational information which he disseminates to the students he interviews.

Bill spends the morning hours at the high school interviewing students, covering job opportunities, and in the afternoon, he visits employers in the greater Springfield area in an effort to job-match students. He is presently in the process of interviewing the entire senior class, in addition to any walk-ins.

Bill, who has been a counselor for the past five years, recently took a group of students on a tour of EBTEC, a local industry specializing in the manufacture of laser and electronic beam products. This tour is the beginning of a series of tours he hopes to organize during the school year. Also, the Special Services department at the high school is interested in planning tours with Bill on a monthly basis.

A note of achievement - five high school seniors have been selected to attend the 1980 "Presidential Classroom for Young Americans" during January and February in Washington, D.C. They are Frank Aucella, Darlene Bator, Susan Borowiec, William Carr, and Maria Cavallo.

Mr. Joseph Zabielski, advisor to the program, said that the curriculum is intensive and includes 15 formal seminars focusing on the three branches of the federal government. Several of the seminars are on-site briefings including visits to Capitol Hill, the State Department, and the CIA. Students who have attended the classroom in the past have found it a truly rewarding experience.

The registration procedure for attending the College Fair to be held December 3 and 4 at the Springfield Civic Center has been established by Mr. Porter, coordinator for the program.

A total of three buses will take approximately 120 students on Tuesday morning, December 4th, only. Registration is open to seniors and juniors on a first come-first served basis. No student may register after November 21st. A permission slip must be returned by the student along with 10 cents to cover insurance.

If a student is unable to attend on Tuesday, the Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and on Monday evening from 6:30 to 9:00. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Note: The Financial Aid Forms (FAF's) will be made available to students after the Thanksgiving break.

College visitations for the period of Nov. 19-29:

- Nov. 20 - Greenfield Community College
- Nov. 26 - Bradford College
- Nov. 27 - Providence College
- Nov. 28 - STCC
- Nov. 29 - Briarwood College

Any questions or comments you may wish to make concerning this column are welcome. Contact Mr. Paul Cavallo, department chairman, at Agawam High School.

Open House Set At Phelps

Parents of students attending the Benjamin J. Phelps School are cordially invited to visit their children's classrooms on Monday evening, November 19, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Kindergarten conferences on that evening will be by appointment. There will be no kindergarten classes on Wednesday, November 21.

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The screening will take place at the James Clark School and will be by appointment only.

Developmental screening is a brief check of a child's vision, hearing, eye-hand coordination, language abilities and large motor control.

Most children develop in these areas at a rate which is within a normal range for their age. For some children, the developmental screening may indicate that more information about the child's abilities would be helpful.

Results of the screening will be discussed with the parents and assistance in further evaluations and/or obtaining services will be available.

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11/20: Turkey roll, stewed tomato, fresh apple
11/21: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, lettuce, cherries
11/22: Thanksgiving Day
11/23: Portuguese soup, cheese on roll, walnut pie

UNICEF Cards Now On Sale

As a grand salute to the International Year of the Child, the new UNICEF collection of cards, gifts, and stationery is now on sale at the home of Mrs. Robert Greeley at 86 Silver Street, Agawam. The annual sales campaign will continue through January, 1980. Please call 786-4790 for more information.

Proceeds from the sale will help the United Nations Children's Fund continue and expand its efforts to guarantee "a future for every child." This has been UNICEF's goal since 1946.

Especially for the International Year of the Child, UNICEF has set a goal of selling more cards than ever before. The net result will mean clean water projects, improved nutrition and health care, immunization campaigns, emergency aid, and better educational preparation for the most deprived children in over 100 countries.

To help make these programs possible, UNICEF has assembled a spectacular and varied assortment of cards, gifts, and stationery for holiday as well as year-round use. There are Christmas and Chanukah cards, scenic designs that capture the holiday spirit, all-occasion note cards, postcards, mini-notes, two distinctive calendars, and a wide selection of gifts, including children's books, games, and records.

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During the holiday season, The Salvation Army tries to make sure that no one is left out in the cold.

By giving to The Salvation Army, you help to make Christmas a time of warmth and joy.



AHS Art Students To Attend "Arts In Action Day"

Thirty two students from the art classes of Ms. Geraldine Schilling-Nordal at Agawam High School will attend an "Arts In Action Day" at the Holyoke Community College Arts Building on Friday, November 30.

There will be a student art and photography show plus workshops in matting prints, drawing, pottery, lithography, and etching.

In other areas, a one-act play, oral interpretation, drama improvisation, jazz demonstration, use of a synthesizer, choral ensemble, and make-up demonstration will take place.

The purpose of the day is to introduce high school students and teachers to the extensive offerings in art, music, and theater at Holyoke Community College by group presentations and participations in workshops.

Attending with the group of students will be Miss Kathy Ennis and Mrs. Laurel Malerba of the high school art staff.

Peirce Schedules Open House

On November 19, the Faolin Peirce PTO will have an Open House from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents will have an opportunity to meet privately with teachers to discuss their children's progress. Home room and special education teachers will be present.

All parents are encouraged to attend. A bake sale will also take place sponsored by the PTO. The proceeds from these home-baked goodies will help fund the children's Christmas party.

AJWC Plans Meeting

Ms Robin Ween, a psychologist from Noble Hospital in Westfield, will be the guest speaker at the November 20th meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club to be held at the Capt. Charles Leonard House, Main Street, at 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Ween will discuss artistic therapy for the retarded, from the very mild to a severe degree of retardation, through exercises, dance, and music.

The public is welcome to this interesting and informative meeting.

Teachers To Launch Petition Drive

On Friday, November 16, and Saturday, November 17, Agawam teachers will launch a campaign at the Agawam Shopping Center and other locations in town to collect signatures of registered voters in order to place a school aid/tax limitation petition on the 1980 statewide ballot as a referendum question, according to Peter Lowrey, president of the Agawam Education Association.

The petition, filed by the Massachusetts Teachers Association, parent organization of the AEA, provides substantial property tax relief by increasing the state's share of public school costs to 50% by 1984.

Signatures of 60,000 registered voters are needed to place the proposal on the ballot. Three hundred and sixty MTA affiliates will be conducting signature drives in every city and town in the Commonwealth during the next few months.

Rudy Altobelli is the local coordinator for the drive in Agawam. Altobelli said that the petition "limits local and state taxes to affordable levels, limits escalation of school costs, and reduces reliance on property taxes to finance public schools."

MTA affiliates expect to gather over 250,000 signatures by December 5th, the official filing date for referendum questions.

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Pease-Cassanelli Marriage Occurs

The marriage of Janet Elaine Pease and Daniel Mark Cassanelli was an event on Saturday, November 10, 1979, in the Agawam Congregational Church.

Judy Pease served her sister as maid of honor, and Michael Bodurtha acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry Brady.

The bride is a graduate of Gateway Regional High School and Holyoke Community College and is employed by Digital Equipment Corporation in West Springfield.

The groom graduated from Agawam High School and Western New England College and is vice president of Production Honing Incorporated in Westfield.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross Pease of Main Road, Montgomery. The groom is the son of Albert Cassanelli of Allen Street, Springfield and the late Rita Cassanelli.

A reception was held at the Oak Ridge Country Club and, following that, the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Florida.

The couple will reside in Agawam.



Mrs. Daniel Cassanelli

Community Grange To Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, November 20th, in the Grange Home on North West Street.

A covered dish supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. to which all grange members are invited. Special guests for the evening will be those members who are taking the 3rd and 4th degrees. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Demko are in charge of the supper and would like to hear from all who plan to attend to make arrangements for the food.

During the business meeting, the 3rd and 4th degrees will be worked on a class of candidates. A ladies degree team will confer the third degree, and the regular officers with Pauline Sosnowich as master will confer the fourth degree.

Highlights of the National Grange trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania will be given by those who attended the session.

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Miss Nacewicz Betrothed

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Nacewicz of 306 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Andrea Mary, to James Matthew Mokrzycki, son of Mrs. Philip Mokrzycki of 13 Lauzier Terrace, Chicopee, and the late Mr. Mokrzycki.

Miss Nacewicz graduated from Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College as a registered laboratory technician. She is employed by the City of Springfield as a lab technician at the regional wastewater treatment plant.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, also graduated from Western Massachusetts Precision Institute. He is a machinist employed by Digital Corporation, Westfield.

The couple will exchange bridal vows on May 25, 1980, in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

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Feeding Hills Has Its Own Betsy Ross

The staff at the Feeding Hills Post Office as well as Postmaster Joseph Dahdah would like to extend thanks to Mrs. Gabrielle Kellogg, Feeding Hills' own "Betsy Ross."

According to Mr. Dahdah, during the tornado which hit that part of town last month, the flag at the post office had been damaged quite a bit. Mrs. Kellogg learned from her husband Dick about the repairs needed and volunteered to sew it good as new.

The staff at the post office is delighted with their repaired flag and sincerely wishes to thank Mrs. Kellogg for her efforts.

Holly Berry Bazaar Set

The Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual Holly Berry Bazaar at the church, 745 Main Street, on Friday, November 30, and Saturday, December 1st.

A dessert card party will be Friday's event at 1 p.m. Call 786-8149 or 786-7111 for reservations.

The bazaar will be held from 10 to 4 on Saturday featuring aprons, novelties, Christmas gifts and cards, baked goods and homemade knitted articles.

A snack bar serving sandwiches, dessert and beverages will be open between 10 and 1, and a silver tea will be held from 2 to 4.

Trading Post Sale

A sale is scheduled at the Trading Post at the First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets, Agawam, on Wednesday, November 28th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Many good buys in good-as-new winter clothes for the whole family will be available. For the men, slacks and a good choice of shirts plus jackets for both dress and outerwear and suits will be sold.

In the children's room, the racks will be filled with little girls and boys clothes all at great buys plus 20% off.

For the ladies, winter coats and car coats, sportswear, and just in time for the holidays, we will have a choice in gowns at prices you will be happy about.

The Trading Post is open most Wednesdays throughout the winter, but remember the sale day is November 28th.

Mass. Citizens For Life Set Xmas Bazaar

The Southwick Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens For Life will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 1st, from 9 to 4 at Our Lady of the Lake Church on Sheep Pasture Road.

Many handmade crafts as well as jewelry, cosmetics, stationery, engraving will be available for holiday giving. Refreshments will be served and Santa will be there to greet all.



Members of the 4-H group who recently underwent a babysitting course are (L to R) Elizabeth Teahan, Michelle Fontaine, Patricia Wojcik, Paula Bruno, Michelle St. Pierre, Lisa Ditomaso, and Dawn Fontaine. Mrs. Anne Aubin and her baby son Scott provided the real-life demonstration.

4-H Group Takes Babysitting Course

The Agawam 4-H group headed by Mrs. Helen C. Fontaine is undergoing a babysitting course which runs for 10 weeks and covers nutrition, safety, first aid, and child development.

Speakers who have addressed the group include members of the Agawam Fire and Police Departments,

a school nurse, and the 4-H regional office.

4-H members taking the course are Patricia Wojcik, Michelle Fontaine, Elizabeth Teehan, Dawn Fontaine, Paula Bruno, Michelle St. Pierre, and Lisa Ditomaso.

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Valley Community Church Slates Flea Market

The Women's Organization of the Valley Community Church will conduct a flea market this Saturday, November 17th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 18th, from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Community Hall next to the church.

The number of items will provide diversification enough so that purchases may be made as Christmas gifts as well as for birthdays and household uses. For anyone who would like to present any wares, tables are still available for rent and reservations can be made for these by calling 786-2445.

The general committee in charge of the total program is made up of Dot Wells, Alita Dubour, Louise Lang, Helen Steadman, Marcia Steadman, Maude Light, Marian Haubenreiser, Bessie Patno, Marian Bradford, Helen Anderson, Flo Steadman, and Marian Binkade.

Companies Reward Quitters

At the end of this year, some happy employees will pocket a hefty bonus. Because they quit smoking.

One company giving such bonuses is Riviera Motors in Oregon. At the end of last year, 17 employees at the firm each received \$200 extra because they had become non-smokers. This year, another 32 made the pledge to quit. Those who have successfully adopted a non-smoking work style throughout the year will qualify for a New Year's bonus.

Although many companies provide quit-smoking programs and even offer employees a reward for quitting, the program at Riviera was special. The entire company, non-smokers and smokers, supported the efforts of those trying to quit smoking. The company itself paid the expenses of a quit-smoking clinic and set up a collection of books on smoking, jogging, diet, and health at the company library.

Every lunch hour, the emphasis was on better health. The company hired instructors to teach calisthenics three noontimes a week, while yoga and bellydancing were featured the other two days. Weather permitting, outdoor sports such as softball were played.

Mario Sakellis, Development Director of the Western Massachusetts Lung Association, said, "The program started with an informal buddy system which included non-smokers in the company. Non-smokers wrote notes of support to fellow workers and even placed flowers on the desks of smokers trying to kick the habit. Everybody provided encouragement."

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Phelps Students Visit Barnes Air Field

A group of students from Phelps School visited Barnes Air National Guard on Thursday, November 8th.

Upon arrival, the children and their teacher, Mrs. Laura Lewis, and teacher-aide, Anne-Marie Samble were greeted by Colonel Renkowicz, and they observed several A-10 aircraft taxi and take off.

A tour of the base hanger was given to the group by Tsgt. Dave Lewis where they got a close look at the A-10 cockpit.

In a first-hand examination of the pilot's uniform, each child had a chance to try on a pilot's personalized helmet.

The children were very impressed, especially when Colonel Renkowicz gave each child a large colored photograph of the A-10 as they left.



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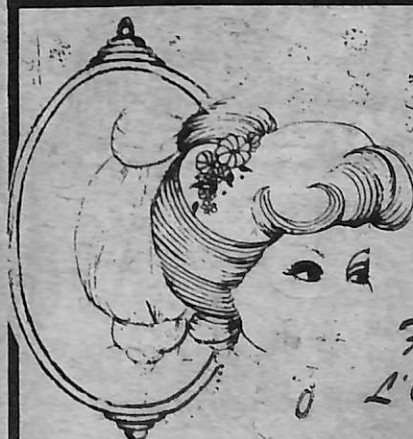
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Fieldstad Asks Support For Industrial Park

By Andrew Paleologopoulos

At the meeting on Wednesday, November 7th, Airport Acquisition Committee Chairman Paul Fieldstad asked his fellow town councilors for support in his committee's study of the possibility of an industrial park in town.

Councilor Fieldstad said he wanted something to show potential businesses that Agawam is serious about an industrial park.

He further requested the council to state that the town is interested in purchasing the airport land owned by the Republican Company, Inc., who also own the Springfield Newspapers, as a site for the park. Fieldstad said that this is the only logical site.

The council passed an amended motion that reaffirmed their support of an industrial park, but did not include an intention to purchase the land which is now under option to Pioneer Valley Raceway.

In another action Wednesday night, the council passed a motion to urge governor King to sign the Home Rule Act, which would allow Agawam to vote once and for all not to have a racetrack in Agawam.

Mr. Richard Langone was denied a permit for a 5,000 gallon gas tank because the council felt it was not essential to his business and constituted a safety risk.

Making her initial appearance as a member of the Town Council was newly-elected Councilor-at-large Elaine Bonavita. Ms. Bonavita was sworn in prior to the session by Town Clerk Edward Caba to fill the seat vacated by the death of Floyd Landers.

Ms. Bonavita made her presence known throughout the meeting by voting against the majority of the council on more than one item and by questioning the necessity of various expenditures. She also quizzed Town Manager Peter Caputo about the possibility of improvements requested by her constituents.

Workshop Attended By Area Residents

Donna Martinello of East Longmeadow and Nicholas Papadoulas of Springfield are among 26 general agency field representatives of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company attending a career agents conference at John Hancock Institute, the education facility of the company's home office.

These two individuals are representatives of the Agawam general agency located at the South End Bridge Circle.

Representatives are selected to attend the 6-day session on the basis of their outstanding sales achievements.

The workshop is designed to sharpen the skills of John Hancock representatives in multi-line financial planning and includes training in total needs programming and capital conservation.

Citizens Council To Be Recommended

Newly-elected Councilor-at-large Elaine Bonavita has announced her intention to propose a Citizens Council to serve as a recommending body to the Town Council when the council meets Monday night, November 19th.

The Citizens Council will be asked to give input to the Town Council on items placed on their agenda.

Ms. Bonavita has requested Town Manager Peter Caputo to have the town attorney, Lambert Ollari, give a legal opinion on the procedure for forming such a council.

"If Mr. Ollari does not have an answer in time for our Monday night meeting, then I will ask for discussion and try to get some ideas from the other councilors," Ms. Bonavita said.

In the meantime, citizens are urged by her to contact their councilors or Councilor Bonavita to discuss or request action on any existing problem in Agawam.

"I have been in contact with citizens in every precinct, and I have already taken action on several problems brought to my attention," she said.

According to Ms. Bonavita, any problems under consideration requiring funding will not be put aside, rather they will be studied and then requests of the appropriate department manager will be made to include it in his budget for the coming year.

"Remember," she stated, "nothing happens overnight so now is the time to bring it to our attention."

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realignment of all interscholastic athletic programs in Massachusetts District IV (Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties).

This Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference will organize competition based on school population, geographic location, and emphasis placed on a particular sport by member schools. The grouping

in each sport of the various member schools will be reviewed annually to guarantee equitable levels of competition.

Both Theodorowicz and Kibbe urged Agawam's participation in this conference as an energy conference measure since several of this year's out-of-league football games have had to be scheduled with schools located quite some distance away from Agawam. According to Kibbe, bus costs are becoming prohibitive in continuing to set a full 10-game schedule with schools of equally competitive ability.

Business Reports

In reporting on the progress of the addition being built to the high school, Coon told the committee that the tennis courts have been completed except for fencing.

Committee member Tom Ennis requested an investigation into the feasibility of putting a jogging track around the tennis courts. According to Ennis, several townspeople have asked for a place to jog, and he would like the Building Committee to look into this aspect while construction is still in progress.

A bid was accepted from Harrison Harries Inc. of Chicopee to supply audio-visual equipment to the high school library under a Title IV federal grant totalling approximately \$3,200. Coon stated that there was only one bidder in this case in spite of his actively seeking more.

Personnel Changes

In the area of personnel, two aides were approved - one in special education at Phelps School to handle a severely handicapped child and the other under a federal grant for the Junior High School's energy project which is tied in with the Singer vocational units there.

Stacey Lane was appointed as girls varsity ski coach, and Robert Stone as assistant varsity wrestling coach. Bill Morrissey's resignation as assistant hockey coach was accepted.

Mrs. Barbara Charest was appointed as secretary to the assistant superintendent of schools, and the vacancy left as secretary at the Junior High will be posted.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agawam School Committee is set for Tuesday, November 27th.



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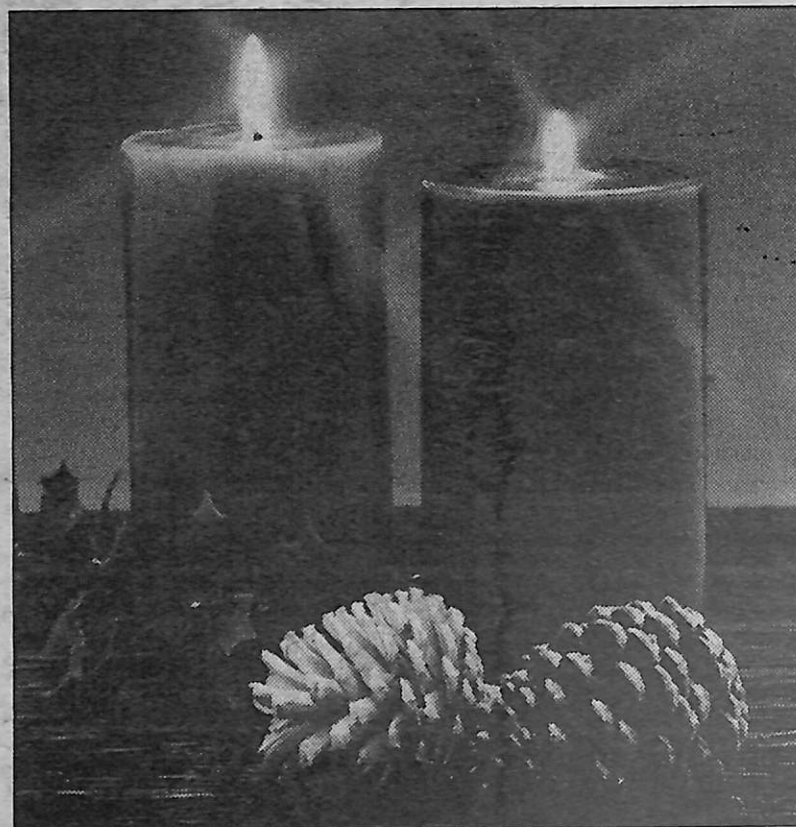
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Agawam, I'm proud of you!
The horses have been whinnying and the dogs have been barking at your heels for many months. You've done everything that has been asked of you.

Attending the hearing in August, you proved overwhelmingly you did not want horse and/or dog racing in your town. You had to rush back to another hearing in October to verify what you had told them at the August hearing. November 6th you went to the polls and voted 2 to 1 against horse and/or dog racing in Agawam.

I do hope the state racing commission and racetrack promoters are finally convinced. Agawam *knows* what they want. Agawam also *knows* what they don't want.
Hazel Prefontaine
School Street, Agawam

To The Editor:

I do not think much of a person taking a child away from a mother. The Welfare cannot make people happy. I am so happy minding my affairs. I had many unhappy years of missing a child out of her and my home.

God bless my child that is left in my heart and mind. The Welfare can never make a mother forget a child.
Truly Yours,
June Merle

[The following is a copy of a letter sent to this newspaper from State Representative Edward W. Connelly.]

Dear Governor King:

I urge you to sign Senate 2067, now before you for signature.

This bill will ascertain the right of a community to exercise local approval in the matter of a racing site.

Developers have applied to the Racing Commission for racing dates in Agawam and base their claim on a theoretical approval given by the town approximately 50 years ago!

Agawam has had an enormous growth in the past 50 years - population increased from 7,000 to 28,000. Charter changes in the form of government from open town meetings to proportional representation to our present manager-council form.

Two public hearings and two council votes were virtually unanimous in saying "NO" to racing in Agawam. Last Tuesday, in a non-binding referendum, our town voted better than two to one against racing!

Your signature proclaiming Senate 2067 to be law will insure that the wishes of the voters of Agawam are final and cannot be circumvented.

The Racing Commission had refused the application and the developers now seek relief from this decision in the courts.

Governor King, if your Racing Commission saw fit to decide as they did, if the Agawam Council, after public input, rejected the proposal almost unanimously twice, and if the voters of Agawam said "NO" by better than two to one, then I believe this necessary statute should be signed to provide absolute protection for the wishes of a political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,
Edward W. Connelly
Assistant Republican Leader

Commentary.....

The Twists and Turns of the Election

by Ric Sardella

Interesting---that best describes last Tuesday's elections where 54 percent of the town's registered voters turned out at six polling sites.

Work Cut Out

The election of Donald Rheault, Walter Kerr and Elaine Bonavita to the town council gives one the feeling that Town Manager Peter Caputo has his work cut out for him in the coming months.

Rheault, a mayoral advocate, is well known for his anti-Caputo sentiments. In his campaign, Rheault made it perfectly clear that the Council's August 23rd vote of confidence in the manager was a "whitewash". He remains upset over the resume issue, but said after the election the community's vote for the present charter is something "he will abide by."

Known for his tough stands when he initially sat on the Council, Rheault said the electorate's decision to keep the present charter "was not a victory for Caputo," but the "by-product of much confusion at the polls over the questions and what they meant."...Interesting.

Although Kerr, a long time local politician, kept a low profile on the resume issue during the election. He and Caputo have locked horns over the appointment of Stanley Chmielewski to Police Chief. A mayoral candidate, Kerr, like Rheault, said: "I will absolutely be able to serve my precinct in this form of government and work with the manager."

Ms. Bonavita, who ran a most vigorous campaign to upset primary favorite Dominic Candido for the third at-large seat, likewise, has bitterly debated with the manager.

Played Major Roll

Last spring, Caputo played a major role in helping to defeat the youth recreation centers proposal sponsored by then citizen Bonavita. Ms. Bonavita says she supports the town meeting format but can and will work with the manager and the present charter for the community's betterment.

In another interesting development, incumbent Robert Deforge, an outspoken critic of Caputo's resume and a mayoral advocate, received more votes than anyone in town save Roberta Doering, who topped the School Committee ballot. Yet, at the same time, the present charter was maintained by the electorate...Hmmm....

Deforge says confusion cost the strong mayor government a victory...talk around the coffee shops is that these four councilors will keep the manager on his toes at all times. And, the grapevine cackles, the mayoral question will not die and will re-surface through another petition drive.

Biggest Twist

The election's biggest twist was in Precinct One where 22 year old Joseph Rolland tied Frederick Nardi, perhaps the most potent political figure in Agawam in the past 20 years.

No one in their wildest dreams could have predicted that Rolland would tie Nardi, finish just 6 votes from topping the ballot. Rolland ran a personable campaign and has solid ground support in his precinct...but to tie Nardi and force a probable special election?...Stunning.

The election has produced an interesting bit of behind the scenes activity for the Council presidency.

Richard Theroux, who has held the post for 3 terms, is being seriously challenged by Deforge and veteran Precinct Six Councilor Paul Fieldstad. Speculation abounds that Theroux no longer has support to retain the gavel. No way Rheault, Bonavita, Kerr and Deforge will swing his way. A race between Deforge and Fieldstad, one who supports the present charter against one who supports a mayor, could have a direct effect on where the town is heading in the future. 'Yes' as grapevine-addicts point out.

Confusion At Polls

It's interesting to note how each group reflects upon the voters' decision to keep the present charter. If you support a mayor, the outcome can be attributed to confusion over how the questions were presented and because voter turnout was 'disappointing.' "If more people came out, I think the outcome would have been different," observed Deforge on the referendum question.

Manager/Council proponents claim the balloting was a clear indication of support for precinct representation, confidence in the Caputo administration, and a feeling that the system is politicized enough without bringing in machine politics to town hall.

Judging from the closeness of the vote, however, no one explanation is concrete--the present system remains, intact, but the political atmosphere hasn't changed.

And, as observers predict, the next two years will only be a continuance of what has transpired since January of this year.

Underfunding Of Court Rents To Raise Local Taxes

A substantial shortfall in the legislature's funding of court costs within the newly-adopted state budget will result in approximately \$3,610,136 worth of additional property taxes for the cities and towns of Hampden County, it was learned last week.

Both houses of the legislature adopted a sharply reduced funding proposal within the state budget (recommended by Governor King) for the rents to be paid to counties for buildings used by the court system. Of the \$14 million requested for this purpose by the newly-reorganized court system, only slightly over \$3 million was actually made available.

Commissioners of each of the 14 counties have already refused to sign leases for use of the court premises at the state-offered rate of \$1.40 per square foot. Actual maintenance, repair and debt service costs for the space ranges, according to the commissioners, from \$4.08 in Dukes County to \$18.64 per square foot in Norfolk County. Costs for court-occupied buildings in Hampden County are approximately \$13.20 per square foot, leaving the county \$3,610,136 short of fiscal 1980.

Noting that this underfunding will directly impact local property taxes, since counties are funded through assessments paid by cities and towns, the commissioners from each of the counties at a meeting in Boston to discuss the problem expressed surprise that a legislature and governor concerned with offering property tax relief would "create this additional burden on local budgets."

Commissioners asked for a meeting with Governor King to discuss the implications of the underfunding and are also considering appealing to the State Superintendent of Buildings and the State's Supreme Judicial Court the \$1.40 rate that is being offered. In addition to the underfunding problem, the commissioners noted that there were questions about the language of the proposed leases between the state and the counties and about requests by the courts for special costly security coverage.

The estimated amount by which assessments against the cities and towns in Hampden County will be increased in Agawam because of underfunding is \$256,319.

AHS Class Of 1974 Plans Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1974 will hold its fifth year reunion at the Springfield Marriott Hotel grand ballroom on Saturday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner planned for the evening is London broil steak, and music will be provided for dancing by professional DJ Virgo Jack. All tickets are priced at \$11.25 per person.

Co-chairman Mike Walsh urges all classmates to forward a check or money order to Class of 1974, c/o Ric Sardella, 68 Hastings Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Tickets are on sale until Monday, November 26. For more information, call Ric Sardella at 786-0058. Proper attire is requested.

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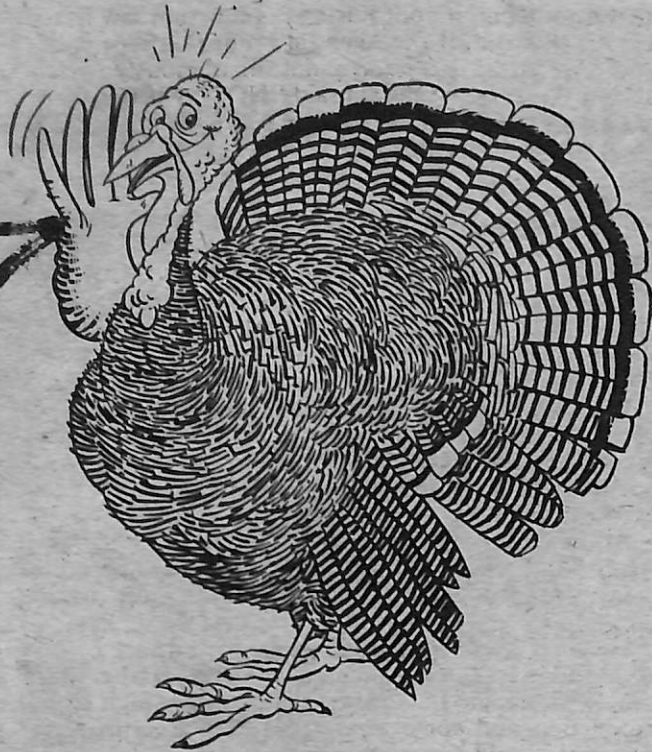
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SC Appoints New Hotline Coordinator

Dr. Mark A. Ehman, director of the division of continuing education at Springfield College, has been appointed coordinator of public relations for Hotline, a confidential telephone counseling and referral service which serves the Greater Springfield community.

Dr. Ehman replaces Kenneth Wildes, who served in the capacity for nine years. Wildes, former director of public relations at Springfield College, resigned the position when he left the college to accept a position with Parade magazine in New York City.

Dr. Ehman's duties will include finding funding sources for the program, as well as general public relations work. Although new to the program, Dr. Ehman feels that Hotline serves an important function in the community "helping people who are in trouble and feel that they have nowhere else to turn."

The Hotline program was initiated on the Springfield College campus in June of 1970. Since then, more than 36,500 calls to the counseling service have been received. The calls have ranged from those involving crisis intervention to those dealing with frustrations caused by parental misunderstanding.

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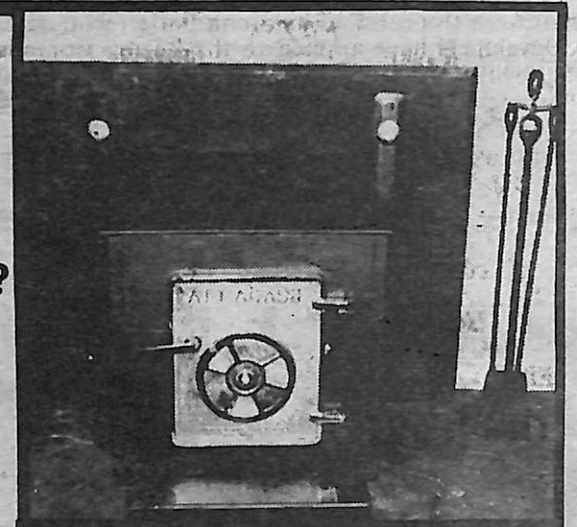
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ART: Excellent Quality; But No Home

The Agawam Repertory Theater has a problem. It's not with their casting—that remains second to none on the local community theater circuit.

Directing, props and costume design—no, everything in character there...ART's recent production, Woody Allen's "Play It Again Sam" was another in a long line of crowd pleasers. Attendance was excellent for their dinner theater set-up at the Hampden Country Club; can't complain about the food.

Perhaps the answer to ART's current dilemma rests in the fact that Agawam's only community based theater group has held the majority of its nine productions outside of the community. And looking around the crowded banquet hall at the picturesque Hampden Country Club, few local faces could be found.

And that, folks, is ART's problem—their community base does not reflect their name. ART needs a resident theater, here in Agawam, for all residents to enjoy.

ART members are quick to voice strong opinions about their productions being housed in outside facilities such as the Yankee Peddler Opera House and the Country Club of Hampden. Fine facilities, but not in town.

ART, which began in 1975 as a spinoff of the popular Chalkliner theater group, has held shows at St. Anne's Country Club and the Silver Carriage Inn. Fine facilities, but not the same as their own home.

Two attempts at the Junior High School have failed. A nice place to hold a play, but who wants to spend a Friday or Saturday night in a school? Attendance for those productions reflected that.

Theater-goers want a cabaret or dinner theater format. "Play It Again Sam" was a dinner theater and it produced turnaway crowds. But ART is an Agawam organization and logically, wouldn't it best serve the community by being housed within the town's boundaries?

Helen Perreault, a founder of ART and an avid theater buff, was quick to respond. She said: "A resident theater would be the greatest thing for Agawam. Our group would like to initiate a children's theater which would be a good thing for the community. But right now, we are hampered by our not having a local facility. And we receive most of our support from outside of town."

Checking ART's roster, one-fourth of its 60 members hail from this community. John Butler, who admirably portrayed Humphrey Bogart in ART's most recent and successful rendition of Woody Allen's classic, is a Feeding Hills resident.

According to Irene Scanlon, a company actress, costume designer and overall goodwill ambassador

the group is looking for a place to hang their hats and is seeking an increased community base. Mrs. Scanlon feels ART has earned the many accolades thrust upon the group after productions such as "Curious Savage," "Veronica's Room," "Lovers and Other Strangers," "Witness for the Prosecution," and "You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running."

Mrs. Scanlon, who has captured awards for best supporting actress and honorable mention for best actress at competition amongst area groups at Stage West, noted that many Agawam residents are not aware of the excellent quality found in community theater.

Arnie Woods, the company's director for "Play It Again Sam" echoed Mrs. Scanlon's comment about the many fine productions staged by community theater groups.

He observed: "I think the public isn't aware of how good and entertaining community theater can be. Many people who come for the first time expect a high school production and come away feeling quite surprised. If Agawam would support a resident theater and get involved in a group trying to promote the arts, the town will benefit."

ART receives funding from a \$10 membership fee and from ticket sales. Each year, the group awards a \$100 scholarship to a deserving high school senior who plans to pursue theater arts. Mrs. Perreault stressed that ART is hoping to expand into the community. "There are residents who are interested in promoting the arts in Agawam. We want to hear from these people," she related.

According to Woods, acting is just a part of being an ART member. He said many members volunteer their time for helping behind the scenes such as being on the lighting crew or working on stage design.

"In my three years as an ART member, I have found that it's the behind-the-scenes members who carry the group. Without their support, we would never be able to pull a production off," he explained.

Thumbing through ART's memorabilia, rave reviews of their productions, particularly their set and costume designs, readily back up the directors' claims.

Mrs. Perreault told us that ART's reading committee, charged with selecting their March production, will soon begin to spend many late nights burning the candle to come up with another winner.

The long-time member said that at this time no plans have been made for a site for their 1980 production. She said ART would probably continue the cabaret or dinner theater format. A pair of poorly-attended performances at the Junior High, "Arms And The Man" in 1976 and "A Flea In Her Ear" last spring, rules out that locale for any future consideration.

ART is again searching from the Westfield line to the Suffield line by Riverside Park for a permanent home. But community support, from the governing body, the council, and the citizenry itself must be attained before another ART performance lands in Holyoke or a small town bordering Wilbraham.

Observed Mrs. Perreault: "This group has the talent and the expertise to make a real mark on this community."

And in a town that plays hard ball politics and plays equally as hard on the football fields and basketball courts, a little shift to the arts might be a refreshing change at that. R.S.

Cindy Singers Now Performing

The Cindy Singers are rolling again, preparing a fine holiday program for the seventh straight year.

The Suffield-based choral group has undergone various changes over the years. This year, for example, the group is smaller and contains no male members.

"We have a good sound," says director Cindy Meyer. "Quality is the important thing."

The Singers now consist of eight members, plus Mrs. Meyer and the accompanist. Mrs. Meyer is quick to add, however, that new members will be welcome after the first of next year to participate in the group's spring program.

This year, the little chorus will continue its tradition of entertaining church organizations and bringing holiday joy to the oftentimes forgotten elderly at area nursing homes.

Jewish Singles Plan Activities

The Jewish Singles of Western Massachusetts will be sponsoring a swim party on Sunday, November 18, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield. Please bring your own swimming equipment. There will be no charge.

Future activities planned by the group include a dance Saturday, November 24, from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Colosseum Banquet House, 943 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

They are also thinking about starting a sports league (bowling, etc.), but need ideas and support to get the idea off the ground. If you are interested or would like more information about the group and its activities, please call Heidi Rosner (533-9400 after 6) Steven Mackler (788-7777), or Harry Gold (782-4324).



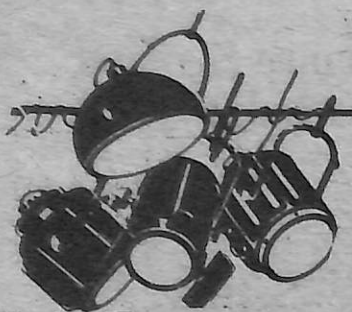
Bogey's back - John Butler, a Feeding Hills resident, recently portrayed Humphrey Bogart in Agawam Repertory Theatre's "Play It Again Sam." The Woody Allen classic played before turnaway crowds at the Hampden Country Club.

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Spotlight on Business



Cher Blatt, owner of Studio B

Studio B - It Belongs To Cher Blatt

Studio B is owned and operated by Cher Blatt in her home on the corner of Meadow and Joseph Streets. Mrs. Blatt has lived there with her husband Neil and daughter Laura for two years.

She has previously worked in several beauty salons including the Clip Joint in Springfield, and has attended the Redken hair coloring school's clinical series. She has also earned a certificate on make-up.

In the spring, Mrs. Blatt plans to attend the Jingles

school in New York, one of the top hair-cutting schools in the country.

The salon in her home presents a very pleasant atmosphere, featuring a variety of antiques.

With a motto of "We cater to the individual," Studio B specializes in cutting and blow drying hair and in the latest styles involving French braiding. Located at 439 Meadow Street in Agawam, Studio B has been open since November 3rd.



Dick Paige of Agawam, left, accepts award for his participation in the Telethon by Chapter President, Robert Greenberg.

Muscular Dystrophy Awards Banquet Held

The Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association recently held its annual Telethon Awards Banquet. The purpose of the evening was to recognize both volunteers who donated their time to the telethon as well as individuals, clubs, and businesses that donated funds to add to the success of the campaign.

Approximately 130 individuals attended the awards event from all parts of Western Mass. Guest speakers for the evening included 1979 Telethon Chairperson Iris K. Holland and MDA research grant recipient Dr. Stan Scordilis of Smith College. Through the funds raised by these volunteers, Dr. Scordilis received a grant of \$23,439 for a research program relating to muscular dystrophy.

Chapter President Robert Greenberg introduced the new slate of officers for 1980. They are James Mailo of Gale Lincoln Mercury in Enfield, president; Dave Scott of WHYN news team, vice president; Harold French of Stockbridge, secretary; Ed Pelzer of BayBank Valley in West Springfield, treasurer.

Also elected to the executive and advisory committees were Dave Rockwell, Stanley Sikorski, Miriam Silverman, Iris Holland, Carol Jones, Raymond Sirois, Mary Turley, Gilbert Lefkovich, Karl Zalesky, Bruce Patnaude, Fran Premelarni, and Robert Greenberg.



Program Applicants Sought

Applications are now being accepted for the Machinist training program starting December 10th at the Western Mass. Precision Institute, it was announced recently. Now in its tenth year of preparing people for the metalworking industry, the Institute concentrates its efforts on Blueprint reading, Shop Theory, Shop Math, and actual machine experience on lathes, milling machines, grinders and drill presses. The course is twelve weeks in length and is followed by placement assistance.

Only a limited number of applicants can be considered with selection based on a combination of criterion. In order to be eligible, the applicant must have completed at least the tenth grade, must be 17 years, 9 months of age, and must be economically disadvantaged. Minorities, women and veterans are urged to apply.

Applications are now being accepted at Western Mass. Precision Institute, 56 Main Street, Springfield, on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Interested people can apply at their local Division of Employment Security Office. Deadline for applications is November 16th.

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by Charles Duclos

Alumni(ae)/Varsity Soccer Action

Alumni (ae) returned to their alma mater this past Sunday to meet the Agawam High boys' and girls' soccer teams on the field of competition.

Alumnae coach, Lee Harvey, and her squad of graduates were narrowly defeated by the highly polished girls' varsity in a 2-1 squeaker. Micki Korob, class of '79, showed off her skillful ball-handling style that was so familiar on "the hill" by breezing her team's sole tally past the goalie. Varsity coach Barbara Stevens' gang slipped past the alumnae and Elaina Granger dunked two. Hawkeyes Mike Bodurtha and Mike Walsh were the refs and kept the action honest.

The alumni/boys' varsity game got off to an early lead for the varsity when Tony Cortese arched one over the defensive line and Jim Martin headed it through the uprights. Alumni Ralph Gates and Paul Dahlke each picked up a tally, while varsity player Bart McCarthy smashed through two. Mac's last came just as the final whistle in regulation time was blown. This gave the Brownies a 3-2 edge over the alumni. Billy O'Brien of the varsity was credited with an assist.

In a special overtime 20-minute fundraising event, Walt Willard and Norm Duquette surged the alumni ahead by 4-3, but again McCarthy rose to the occasion and the game ended in a 4-4 tie.

The real winners in a day-long event of this type are all the participants, whether playing for the alumni(ae) or varsity; the spectators, and, more importantly, it will afford the high school Soccer Parents Association the opportunity to award scholarships to graduating varsity players.

The real losers are those who missed the event by staying home.

Returning to AHS to participate were JoEllen LeGrande, Karen Tyburski, Micki Korob, Mickey Conroy, Donna Regnier, Lisa Impoco, Katie Boyle, Pam Berube, Betty Lombardo, Edwyna Stefanik, Patty Wilson, Laurie Placanico, Lee Harvey, Glenn Tatro, Paul Dahlke, Walt Willard, Steve Soja, Jim Jenks, Tom

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Working quietly and efficiently behind the scenes for the association were President Charlotte Bodurtha, Ray Foley, chairman of the event, who was assisted by Sid Harvey, Jeanne Costa, Gloria Anderson, and Jack Bodurtha. Mrs. Bodurtha wishes to express the association's gratitude to all of the mothers of the alumni who baked for the event. She also wishes to acknowledge Walt Willard's super efforts at coordinating the alumni team by acting not only as the contact person but also as the coach.

Orange Crush Rolls along

The orange and brown uniforms of Coach Bill O'Brien's girls' 13-14 soccer team has prompted the Agawam Athletic Association to adopt a new twist. The 3A's and the team have "adopted" the Orange Crush soda as a symbol of goodwill towards those teams that they will meet in the upcoming East Coast Invitational Soccer Tournament, being held in Arlington, Virginia, later this month. At the conclusion of each game, our girls will present a can of soda, as well as a patch for their jackets, to each girl on the opposing team. This idea was thought up by the coach's wife, Joanne O'Brien, and it certainly is unique...and in good taste.

A.A.A. Takes P.V.S.L.

Playing on rain-soaked astro turf under the lights at Westfield State College, Coach Bill O'Brien's girls won a berth in the final game by defeating Ludlow 5-0. The team's effort saw Jennifer O'Brien, assisted by Julie Miodowski, drop one from the right side of the cage. Diane Goodman did a repeat performance from almost the same spot, and Michele Quaglini surged her team forward by 3-0 with a 30-yarder which floated over the goalie's outstretched limbs.

Second half action saw Diane Goodman use her head and split a few hairs as she nudged one through with her hat rack. Jennifer O'Brien and Julie Miodowski again paired up, and Jennifer sharp-shooted one past Ludlow's goalie to give brown and orange crushers a 5-0 win.

Sunday morning, November 11, four O'Brien's girls in East Longmeadow to play for all the marbles, as they were pitted against the 16 Acres Lions. A free-for-all in front of the goal found Jennifer O'Brien in the middle of the action. Diane Goodman found the handle, shuffled off to Jennifer, who cued it through the uprights. 16 Acres had a few roars of their own, but exceptional goaltending by Lena Kosloski quieted things down. Maria Kosloski neated one across the face of the goal, and Michelle Duclos left-footed it deep into the cage to give Agawam a 2-0 win, thus giving Coach O'Brien and his team a well-earned first place, not only in the league's regular season, but in the playoffs as well. Congrats, Coach!!!



Last Chance Signups AAA Baseball/Softball

The last chance to sign up for the Agawam Athletic Association's baseball and softball teams will be November 19 to 23. There are only 27 openings left on the association's 53 baseball and softball teams.

No further registration will be taken after November 23. The association will plan to expand the leagues if this last registration period warrants such action.

Boys and girls 6-7 instructional, 8-9, 10-11, 12-14 girls softball, and 8-10, 10-12, 13-15 boys baseball should register from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation office or call Jerry Mason for further information at 786-5624.

Hunting And Vision

Hunters who came home empty-handed last season ought to check out their eyes before starting out this year, says the president of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists.

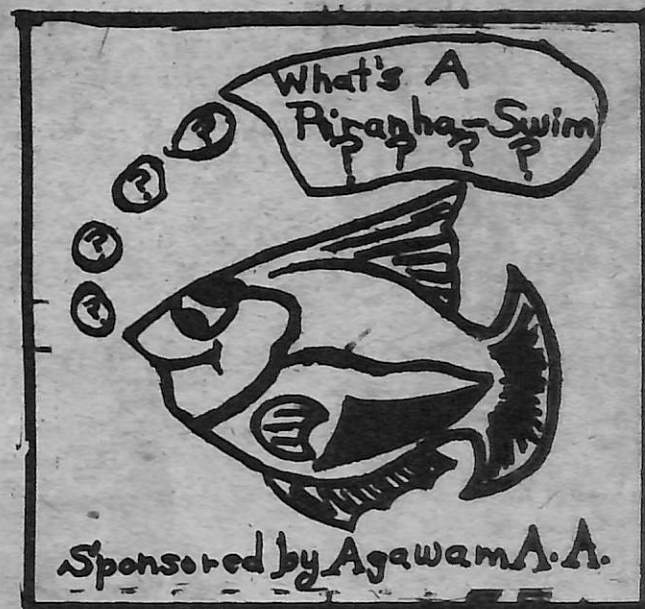
According to Dr. Sanford Monsein, many hunters have vision problems that interfere with their sport. "Often, the problems are not noticeable in daily living, but in a sport that requires great precision, they can make a difference," he said.

Hunters need sharp, clear distance vision for spotting game; clear focus both near and far for sighting; fast and accurate depth perception for judging distances between themselves and their prey; good side vision; and effective color vision.

Dr. Monsein said it is a good idea for all hunters to have a vision examination as part of the preparations for a hunting trip. Vision changes are subtle and often go unnoticed.

"Of course, we can't guarantee a successful hunting trip," Dr. Monsein said, "but if there are any problems, they can be corrected. Then you can go on your trip fully equipped to do your best."

Dr. Monsein urged hunters to wear hunter-orange clothing to make themselves highly and safely visible to others under all weather and light conditions. He noted that, since most animals are color blind, it makes no difference to them what color hunters wear. But to other hunters, it means a great deal in helping to prevent accidents.



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Agawam Boosters Plan Thanksgiving Breakfast

The Agawam Booster Club is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Breakfast on November 22 at the Agawam High School cafeteria.

The breakfast will consist of eggs, sausage, toast, coffee or milk, and the price is \$1.50.

Continuous servings will run from 7 to 9 a.m. preceding the Agawam/West Springfield football game. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling any member of the committee.

The committee is headed by co-chairmen James Crean and Joseph Pisano. Members of their committee who have donated time to obtain food for this affair are Robert Strniste, Richard DiLullo, Matthew Blackak, William Euliano, Rosemary Sandlin, Billy Yacteen, and E. Ritchie Smith.

Gridiron Moms Say 'Thanks'

As we go into Thanksgiving week and the end of the football season, the Gridiron Mothers Club would like to thank all those who helped us with our fund raising efforts. We would like to say a special thanks to Ric Sardella and *The Agawam Advertiser/News* for the coverage that we had in the paper. We would also like to thank the Booster Club and the many business people and friends who donated to our Monte Carlo Night. We hope to see all the football fans at breakfast on Thanksgiving morning from 7-9 in the High School cafeteria and at Harmon Smith Field at 10:30 for the Agawam/West Springfield game.



Pictured above are Players of the Week as named by the Agawam Booster Club. For the offense is Abe Yacteen (left) and for the defense is Joe Pezzimenti. Tickets to the Showcase Cinema awarded to them are sponsored this week by John and Jennifer Bonavita.



Pictured above is the Agawam Soccer Association's 9-11 boys team, the Strikers. From left to right (front row) John Smidt, Tony Pederzoni, Steve Jarvis, Mark Smidt, Danny Felix, Kevin Phillips; Second row, Jimmy Bianco, Vincent Spagnoli, Duane Clark, Chris Noll, David Kinsley; Third row, Coaches Carl Gerstung, George Russell, and Phil Noll

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Pictured above is the Agawam Soccer Association's 6-8 boys team, the Cosmos. From left to right are (front row) Mike Shea, Dave Noonan, Pat AstaFerrero II, Bob Rose, Andy Cone, Karl Miller, Rich DiLullo; Second row, Coach Dave Poggi, Dave Poggi, Sean Santucci, Steve Lane, Jeff Noll, Coach Tim Bassett; Third row, Danny Buhien, Jim Russell, Coach Dick DiLullo, Jeff Retzler, John Polidori

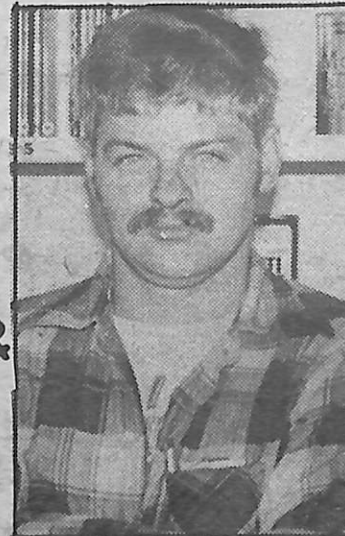
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Tabulation of all ballots will be handled by the staff of the Advertiser/News. The Deadline for the Fall Sports is December 15, 1979.

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	WON	LOSS	TIE	POINTS
Piccoli's Tornadoes	6	0	2	14
Willard's Red Sox	4	0	4	12
Auchy's Raiders	2	4	1	5
Phaneuf's Bananas	1	4	2	4
Whittaker's Demons	1	6	1	3

Girls 9-14 Division

	WON	LOSS	TIE	POINTS
Tallon's Hot Stuff	9	0	0	18
Myrna's Raiders	7	2	0	14
Waryasz's Cosmos	4	3	2	10
Mickey's Roadrunners	2	6	1	5
Vacirca's Green Machine	2	6	1	5
Woodruff's Ramblers	1	8	0	2

Boys 6-8 Division

	WON	LOSS	TIE	POINTS
Gravel's Teamen	8	1	0	16
DiLullo's Cosmos	7	1	1	15
Rose's Sounders	5	3	1	11
Drapeau's Aztecs	5	3	0	10
DeBonis' Atoms	4	2	2	10
DiMascola's Tornadoes	4	3	2	10
Cosgrove's Rowdies	3	4	1	7
Pinney's Roadrunners	1	6	1	3
Emery's Headers	1	7	0	2
Nickerson's Express	0	8	0	0

Boys 9-11 Division

	WON	LOSS	TIE	POINTS
Gieger's Diplomats	10	0	0	20
McCarthy's Rowdies	9	1	0	18
Sullivan's Cosmos	7	3	0	14
Lathrop's Roughnecks	6	4	0	12
Noll's Strikers	4	3	3	11
Malloux's Sounders	4	4	2	10
Sanderson's Tornadoes	4	5	1	9
Poole's "Up-1"	3	7	0	6
Fuller's Headers	2	7	1	5
Kozloski's Express	1	7	2	4
Mickey's Roadrunners	0	9	1	1

Boys 12-14 Division

	WON	LOSS	TIE	POINTS
Fairlie's Orange Crush	8	1	3	19
Hollinger's Rowdies	7	1	4	18
Frogameni's Roughnecks	5	6	1	11
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This event is open to the public, and the admission fee is any item handmade, baked, sewn, or grown that is suitable for auction.

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
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Energy Exhibition To Be Presented

The Agawam Consumer Advisory Commission and the Agawam Energy Commission will be co-sponsoring, with the assistance of the Massachusetts Department of Energy, an energy exhibition at the Agawam High School on Saturday, November 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following workshops will be featured:
General Energy Conservation - Classroom A
10-11 a.m. *Roots of the Energy Crisis*. The development of the energy crisis and a look at alternative sources of energy. Dr. Peter Polito, associate professor of physics at Springfield College.

11-12 a.m. *Consumer Information*. Consumer protection, financing, tax credits, fuel and weatherization assistance. Louis Draghetti, Sealer of Weights and Measures and energy coordinator, Town of Agawam.

12-1 p.m. Open Exhibits
1-2 p.m. *Weatherizing Your Home* Videotape and discussion of ways to tighten up your home without spending a lot of money. Speaker from Northeast Utilities/Western Mass. Electric to be announced.
2-3 p.m. *Consumer Information*. See above.

Wood Energy - Auditorium

10-11 a.m. *Wood Use and Supply*. How to use wood safely and efficiently to heat your home. Bill Obear, wood energy specialist, Mass. Office of Energy Resources.

11-12 a.m. *Wood Stove Safety*. Care in using wood, installing and using a wood stove. Rusty Jenks, Deputy Fire Chief, Town of Agawam.

12-1 p.m. Open Exhibits
1-2 p.m. *Wood Use and Supply* See above.
2-3 p.m. *Wood Stove Safety* See above.

Solar Energy - Classroom B

10-11 a.m. *Solar Hot Water Heating* How solar hot water systems work, how to install them, and how to take advantage of tax credits and other financial incentives. Solar panels. Maurice Lacasse, Lacasse Heating and Cooling, Holyoke.

11-12 a.m. *Earth-Sheltered Homes*. How you can save energy by building a home underground. Design and construction tips. Slides and models. Rod Clark, business systems analyst, Combustion Engineering.

12-1 p.m. Open Exhibits
1-2 p.m. *Solar Greenhouses*. How to design and construct a solar greenhouse to save up to 20 percent of the energy used in a home. Slides. Buzz Laughlin, solar energy specialist, Mass. Office of Energy Resources. A discussion of Mr. and Mrs. Bleek's DOE-funded solar greenhouse in Agawam.

Heating System Efficiency - Classroom C

10-11 *Heating System Efficiency*. How to get the most of your heating system dollar. Heating system maintenance, new equipment, heating system efficiency testing. Slides, examples of equipment. Marilyn

Rowland, regional director, Mass. Office of Energy Resources.

11-12 a.m. See above.
12-1 p.m. Open Exhibits
1-2 p.m. See above
2-3 p.m. See above

Energy Conservation - Classroom D

10-11 a.m. *Energy Conservation in the Home*. Insulation, caulking, weather-stripping, and other ways to reduce heat loss in the home. Energy auditing, lifestyle changes. Models, slides. Mike Fioretti, Energy Conservation Analysis Project.

11-12 a.m. See above
12-1 p.m. Open exhibits
1-2 p.m. See above
2-3 p.m. See above

In addition to the workshops, there will be exhibits from Bay State Gas Company, Northeast Utilities, as well as exhibits for teachers and children; wood-burning stoves and quartz heaters; clothing; solar equipment; insulation, weather-stripping and caulking; shades and drapes; and a variety of other informational energy publications.

November 18 - 24 Named Adoption Week

For the third year, November 18-24 has been declared National Adoption Week. By request of the Massachusetts Resource Exchange, Governor Edward King has also proclaimed it to be Adoption Week throughout Massachusetts.

Thousands of children, previously considered unadoptable, are now waiting for permanent loving families. These children are school-aged, have physical, emotional, or mental handicaps or a combination of these, or belong to a minority group or are part of a sibling group.

The response of families, from single parent to those with many children, has been heartwarming. Too many lives are at stake to let this momentum die.

Adoption Week is only one week out of the year; it is a time to raise people's awareness as to the special attention and needs of some of these children. You may have thought that adoption was for someone else's family or not thought about it at all.

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